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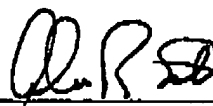
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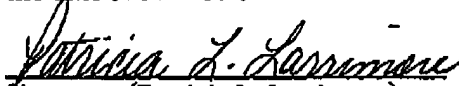
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With regard to the above-referenced application, Applicants received an Office Action mailed on May 25, 2004. However, on that same date, Applicants filed a Preliminary Amendment canceling the claims to which the Office Action was directed. A copy of the Preliminary Amendment, filed by facsimile, and the confirmation sheet returned by the USPTO are included with this Communication. Withdrawal of the Office Action and reconsideration of the application including the claims as submitted in the Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner has any questions regarding this Communication, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' representative, Alan Stewart, at 612.371.5376.

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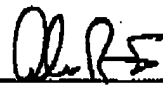
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Amendments to the claims are included in the **Listing of Claims** beginning on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 4.